



Bureau of Emergency
Preparedness, EMS
and Systems of Care

EMSCC LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE

MINUTES

September 09, 2024

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

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Committee Members: Bruce Trevithick – chair, Alyson Sundberg, Bob Miljan, Jeff White, Ken Cummings, Paul Hood, Angela Madden, Greg Flynn.

Absent: Monty Nye, Dr. Brent, Lauren LaPine, Jonathan Pyka, Lance Corey.

Guests: Rob Warnemuende, Kelsey Ostergren, Jeff Spitzley, Nicholas Rossow, Bill Priese, Blake Belsky, Kolby Miller.

Bureau Staff: Nicole Babb, Sabrina Kerr, Krisy Kuhl, Damon Obiden.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order 10:02 a.m. by Bruce Trevithick.
2. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes from May 13, 2024 – Motion to approve (Sundberg, Flynn). Approved.**
3. **Current Legislation Review**
 - A. SB 641 – Open Meetings Act Tab 2
 - This makes three classes for OMA. This would allow for public meetings for class B body, where EMSCC would fall, for some virtual attendance. Alyson said she would be in support. In this day and age, virtual makes sense. Emily discussed EMSCC being advisory, so EMSCC would be class C, and explained why she thinks that. She said EMSCC is only subject to OMA because the statute states it is. MCAs were discussed, they would most likely be class B.
 - **Motion to support (Flynn, Sundberg). Approved.**
 - B. SB 542 – Opioid Antagonist Tab 3
 - This would require the department to allow any medication that is an opioid antagonist to be used. Bruce said there is a competing product for this intervention. The group discussed. Emily discussed complications and expense of these other medications. Greg spoke about funded vs unfunded mandates and would support the department in opposition. Kelsey Ostergren said MHA has a position of support and explained. Bruce reiterated the concerns about effects on patients. Damon Obiden expanded on the requirements. Emily discussed the issues this may create. Greg Flynn said he doesn't think this applies to paramedic drug boxes, it refers to the other first responders...MFR, police departments, sheriffs. The group discussed. Greg said it should be communicated to EMSCC that this needs to be clearer, and the department should express their concerns, as well. Emily shared the position statement with everyone.

- **Motion to oppose in its current form (Flynn, Hood). Approved.**
 - C. HB 5179 – Fentanyl Test Strip De-Criminalization Tab 4
 - It is not clear if this affects EMS. The group discussed.
 - **Motion to support (Flynn, Hood). Approved.**
 - D. HB 5741 – Stop the Bleed Training in Schools Tab 5
 - This will expand the current language in the law and will include Stop the Bleed training. The change to CPR was discussed. Damon Obiden discussed tourniquet needing better description. This is training. Emily sees this coming to the department at some point. She said the department was asked to weigh in on this bill. Greg spoke about this being an unfunded mandate but is important for schools. Emily spoke about internal department discussions.
 - **Motion to support (Flynn, Hood). Approved.**
 - E. HB 5742 – Health Club No Duty to Act AED Tab 6
 - This would say a health club employee does not have a duty to use an AED.
 - **Motion to oppose (White, Flynn). Approved.**
 - F. HB 5743 – Bleeding Control No Duty to Act Liability Protection Tab 7
 - This bill says a person would NOT be liable if performing Stop the Bleed. It doesn't say you have no duty to act. These two bills (5742 and 5743) are tied together, it is unclear as to why since there is already a liability protection for AED. Emily advised after thinking about, the previous bill does provide protection as part of the "[no duty to act](#)". Emily said the division was not asked to weigh in on this. The group discussed. Emily discussed the good Samaritan law and what she thinks the intent is here. There might be unintended consequences.
 - **Motion to support (Flynn, Hood). Approved.**
 - G. HB 5905 – Responder Employment Protection (same as SB 44 2021) Tab 8
 - Bruce discussed this bill. If a responder is working a different job, it would enable them to leave or not show and still have to be paid. This has been talked about in the past. Emily spoke about agencies that shared an employee. Jeff White said he received a call from his state rep and said they did include a line with exceptions and discussed. This is a complex issue.
 - **Motion to table (White, Flynn). Approved.**
4. III. **Other Business**
- A. Legislative Tracking Sheet Tab 6
 - B. Cummings: Family Medical Leave Act
 - a. https://www.courts.michigan.gov/4a509f/siteassets/case-documents/uploads/opinions/final/sct/165325_115_01.pdf
 - b. Bruce made note to review for a future meeting.
5. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.
6. **Next Meeting: October 14, 2024**